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SETTLEMENT OF THE FURTHER NORTH

It has become the custom among a great many Canadians to look upon the prairie provinces or "the last Great West, beyond which there was no other land open for settlement. The story told by the Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, who has just returned to Ottawa from a trip during which he traversed the McKenzie River from Edmonton to its mouth on the Arctic Ocean, crossed the divide to the Yukon and thence back to civilization, shows very plainly that Canada has in the north country a vast area suitable for settlement still. An account of Mr. Oliver's journey will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In the Mackenzie River basin alone there is in the Minister's opinion an area fit for settlement of not less than 300,000 square miles. This at present is all a wooded territory, but can readily be cleared; and as the climatic conditions are favorable to the development of a great agricultural area there, the Minister has little doubt that when the pressure of population demands it, this vast district will be made available for agricultural operations. These climatic conditions are attributed by Mr. Oliver to the lower altitude and to the effect of the Japanese current, and the lower ranges in the Rockies of the north and the greater width of the passes which permit the entrance of warm winds from the coast. As the Minister made the trip for the purpose of ascertaining and satisfying himself as to the suitability of this section of the Dominion for settlement, the result of his investigation is eminently satisfactory in as much as it shows that there is no danger of the land available for settlement being exhausted for many years yet to come.

The prevalent notion that this north country is a frozen, barren, region, is altogether wrong, says Mr. Oliver. He was astonished to find luxurious vegetation close to the Arctic Circle. At all the Hudson's Bay Company forts on the Athabasca and Mackenzie Rivers grown produce have been successfully grown for years. Potatoes were grown in abundance at Fort Good Hope, which is just outside the Arctic Circle, and in the delta of the Mackenzie River, and along the Peel River, which is tributary to the Mackenzie, there is some magnificent timber. The Mackenzie River is a beautiful stream, two miles wide, with gravel banks, draining a country which appears to be of a most promising character agriculturally, and climatically. From what he has learned by personal observation and investigation, Mr. Mr. Oliver is satisfied that there is no danger of overstepping the limit in settling the north for several hundred miles yet.

The account which the minister has brought back is most encouraging for the future of the country at large. It indicates that so far from there being a possibility of the area of land available for settlement being exhausted in the not distant future Canada is only on the threshold of agricultural development; and the opening up of the Far North may prove as great an achievement as the reclaiming of the west. With the present administration in power and the wisdom and sagacity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the country's disposal, there is every prospect that the magnificent successes which have been achieved in the development of the western provinces in the past may be duplicated in the further north in the future.

Many of Fredericton's older citizens will be delighted to know of the en-

thusiasm which is evident in St. John over the erection of a statue of the late Sir Leonard Tilley. The statue, which is the work of Mr. Phillippe Hebert has arrived in St. John and will be unveiled some time within the first weeks of September, probably on the eighth.

The days when Sir Leoard and Lady Tilley occupied the now pathetic old government house, and made it the centre of the city's social life are fresh in the memory of many of the passing generation, who knew the former governor as statesman, scholar and fine gentleman.

The Toronto Star says:—A Port Stanley man swallowed a live wasp. A Woodstock boy chewed up a poison fly pad. Time—and the Hon. George E. Foster—will tell whether Charles Doherty did not eclipse both these performances when he swallowed the opposition lieutenant.

HIGH COURT FORESTERS IN SESSION AT CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Aug. 30.—Flags are flying in honor of the High Court Independent Order of Foresters now in session here. Regret is expressed that Supreme Chief Ranger Stevenson cannot attend.

In his address, High Chief Ranger Mersereau advocated biennial or triennial sessions and the employment of more deputies to extend the work of the order.

Eighty-three members of the order died in this province in the last year leaving endowments totalling \$83,563.15. The receipts last year by the High Court were \$5,441.63 and disbursements, \$4,434.60. Leaving \$1,007.03 on hand on June 30th. Since then \$919.43 has been received and \$176.76 paid out leaving a balance on hand on August 20th of \$1,749.70. The High Court has a total surplus of assets over liabilities of \$2,932.65. The order in this province has nine orphans in the home in Deseronto.

PERSONAL

Major Doull and family left yesterday for Lake Memphramagog, P. Q., where they will remain for some weeks.

Mrs. Gross, of Vancouver, B. C., who has been visiting Postmaster and Mrs. Edwards, left last night for Pettoodiac to visit relatives for a short time.

Miss Partridge, of Rochester, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. C. Fitzrandolph.

Miss Josephine White, who has been visiting her former home at Marysville, returned to Boston last evening.

Rev. Henry McRory, of Chatham, N. B., is spending a few days in Summerside, the guest of Rev. J. C. McLean. Father McRory is a native of Charlottetown and has many friends in Summerside. His sermon in St. Paul's Church on Sunday at High Mass was a splendid one.—Summerside Journal.

Mrs. N. J. Ivory and children arrived today from a visit to Chatham friends.

Mr. Arch. Foster, C. E., of Stanley, is here today en route to Kingston, N. S., where Mrs. Foster and children have been summering. They will return to Stanley the last of the week.

Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P., of Pokioik, is among the visitors to the city today.

Edward Burden, son of Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M.P.P., has entered the Fredericton Business College for a course of instruction.

DOING GOOD WORK.

Mr. John A. Humble is secretary-treasurer of the Stanley Highway Board this year, and is displaying great energy in the discharge of his duties. His work seems to be highly satisfactory to a majority of the people of the parish.

JAIL ALMOST EMPTY.

When Tribby takes her departure from the county jail tomorrow, that valuable institution will be tenantless with the exception of Deputy Sheriff Winter and family. It will be the first time such has been the case since the Deputy Sheriff took office.

INSPECTING THE G. T. P.

Assistant General Manager Woods, accompanied by Messrs. H. M. Balkum, C. O. Foss and Horace Longley, of the engineering staff of the G. T. P., and Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., are now making a tour of inspection of the Transcontinental in this Province. They started at the Quebec boundary and will go right through to Moncton. They will make the greater part of the journey by rail.

CANADIAN CLUB LUNCHEON.

The executive of the Canadian Club met last night and decided that Thursday September 8th, should be the date of the next luncheon. Dr. Adam Shortt, chairman of the Canadian Civil Service Commission, will be the speaker. His subject will be "Democracy and Imperial Union." The luncheon will be held at 6.30 p. m., in the Y.M.C.A. hall.

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QUEBEC LEADS IN BABY CROPS

Otherwise the Okanagan Valley Held Record, Said Sir Wilfrid

LORD ABERDEEN'S FARM

Premier's Party Taken There in Autos on Reaching Vernon—The Luxuriance Due to Irrigation

Vernon, B. C., Aug. 27.—The Laurier party arrived in the famous Okanagan fruit valley yesterday afternoon and were taken in autos to the celebrated Coldstream Farm, established by Lord Aberdeen, with its thousands of acres of well-laden orchards, hop fields, nurseries and grain. Everything was green and the growth luxuriant as a result of irrigation. The mountains on each side of the valley were hidden by smoke from forest fires across in Idaho. Ornamental arches were set up on the main street adorned with apples and vegetables as samples of the production of the district. In the afternoon a reception was held at the beautiful residence of Mayor Husk and overlooking Long Lake.

At the public meeting the Premier referred to the luxuriance and exuberance of growth in the Okanagan Valley and said it surpassed Quebec in every kind of crop except the baby crop. A citizen remarked that there were six pairs of twins in Vernon this year.

Sir Wilfrid spoke of the importance of the National Transcontinental and said his aim as Liberal leader was to make Canada great and retain British connection.

Most of the day was spent sailing down Arrow Lake on the way to Nelson.

CONSERVATIVE MEMBER AT KAM LOOPS.

Kamloops, B.C., Aug. 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was welcomed here by a large crowd at the station including hundreds of Indians from the reserve and country around. A band and a detachment of "A" Squadron British Columbia Horse also met him. The main streets were beautifully decorated, but the feature of the reception was the fine large illuminated arch of evergreens, with a platform in the upper part for a choir of young ladies dressed in white with alternative red and blue sashes who sang "The Maple Leaf" as the Premier was driven through.

At the meeting, Mr. Martin Burrill the Conservative member for Yale-Cariboo paid a generous and eloquent tribute to Sir Wilfrid as a statesman who was always dignified and courteous in the House of Commons.

The civic address referred to the first trading post established here just one hundred years ago and also expressed the need of a north and south line through the centre of the Province.

The Prime Minister said a north and south line would be built in time and also stated that an improvement in navigation on the North Thompson River would be considered.

Hon. G. P. Graham referred to the train entering the town along Main street and said the citizens should fight to have the C.P.R. remove this track.

An oil cloth should never be scrubbed with a brush; but after being first swept it should be cleansed by washing with a large soft cloth, and luke warm or cold water. On no account use soap or hot water as either will bring off the paint.

WRITE 4,000,000 WORDS IN 30 DAYS

Great Task Set For Duke of Devonshire by David Lloyd-George

THE LAND TAX DEMANDS

Chancellor of the Exchequer Revives Ancient Strife in Wales by Suggesting In-vestiture of New Prince

London, Aug. 27.—David Lloyd-George is regarded by his political opponents as a far-shining exemplar of the Biblical phrase about the wicked who never cease from troubling.

Although this is the height of the midsummer holiday season the Chancellor of the Exchequer is causing no end of bad blood. The Revenue Office has sent out schedules for the valuation of property in accordance with Mr. Lloyd-George's land tax law and, according to the Tory papers, two million more persons are racking their brains in a vain effort to unravel the intricacies of the official demands.

The schedules recently issued by the Revenue Office in connection with the income tax are sufficiently puzzling. But the new land tax schedules are declared to be a thousand times more difficult of comprehension.

Sympathy is particularly bespoken for the Duke of Devonshire who is required, according to one of his land agents, to fill in no less than 20,000 forms, each containing fifty questions in regard to the various values of his estates. Taking four as an average number of words for each answer, the total of 4,000,000 will have to be written or the equivalent of forty average-sized novels.

STAFF OF AGENTS.

To complete this herculean task only thirty days are allowed by the Government. The poor Duke will be kept busy if his numerous staff of land agents be unequal to the task.

This is not the full extent of Mr. Lloyd-George's misdoings. He has set gallant little Wales by the ears and split the principality into two camps. A few weeks ago the Chancellor of the Exchequer suggested the new Prince of Wales should be nominally invested in the principality in accordance with the old-time chivalric ceremonial. The idea was received with general favor. It was supposed that Carnarvon, where the first Prince of Wales was born, would be selected for the ceremony. Carnarvon, with its ancient castle, was a fine frame for a State pageant of that kind; but North Wales counted without the South.

SEETHING IN WALES.

In the South lies Cardiff, which is immeasurably more important as a business centre than little Carnarvon. Cardiff put in a claim for the honor of being the place of investiture for the Prince of Wales. The manner in which its claim is asserted indicates that the old-time rivalry between North and South Wales is as keen as ever.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff has stated the case with a vigor certain to excite the passions of the Northern Welshmen and, at the same time, open the eyes of Saxon England. He stated that Carnarvon Castle was never built by the Welsh—was never even conquered by the Welsh. It was held for the King of England against the Welsh from the first and that is the fatal objection to Carnarvon Castle being chosen for what is designed by the Welsh as a national celebration.

Cardiff wants a place selected where the Welsh have beaten the English

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